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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 3003

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: CODEL SIKES

1. CODEL ARRIVED KUWAIT 1550, AUG 15 ON SCHEDULE AND PROCEEDED AT ONCE INTO FULL SCHEDULE.
2. AFTER POL/ECON/MIL BRIEFING COVERING KUWAIT AND GULF AREA BY AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS, CONGRESSMAN SIKES MADE INFORMAL CALL ON KUWAITI MINISTER OF DEFENSE SHAIKH SAAD.
3. TALK WITH SAAD PRIMARILY CONCERNED MIDDLE EAST QUESTION. SIKES SAID HE CAME TO LEARN ARAB VIEWS AND STATED CONGRESS NOT, IN HIS OPINION, WELL ENOUGH INFORMED ON ARAB WORLD. SAAD SPOKE BRIEFLY OF NEED FOR PRESSURE ON ISRAEL BUT DID NOT PURSUE SUBJECT IN DETAIL WHEN HE SAW SIKES WAS GENERALLY FAMILIER WITH ARAB

LINE. SIKES SAID ISRAEL CANNOT BE PRESSURED BUT US SHOULD PRESS FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SIDES.

SIKES ALSO SAID HE SYMPATHIZED WITH KUWAIT'S DESIRE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE AND ADDED STRONG KUWAIT WAS IMPORTANT TO SECURITY OF AREA. US, HE SAID, WAS PREPARED TO HELP IN ANY APPROPRIATE WAY. SIKES
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AND AMBASSADOR ALSO EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF MANPOWER STUDY AND

TRAINING FOR KUWAITI MILITARY. SIKES SAID US HAD EXCEPTIONALLY

GOOD TRAINING FACILITIES WHICH HE HOPED GOK WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF.

4. REMAINING EVENT WAS AMBASSADOR'S DINNER FOR CODEL AT WHICH

SIKES HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET CROSS SECTION PROMINENT KUWAITI OFFICIALS AND LOCAL AMERICANS.

5. CODEL DEPARTED 0900, AUG 16, A DELAY OF ONE HOUR FROM ORIGINAL SCHEDULE TO GIVE SIKES OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOMETHING OF KUWAIT. SIKES SAID HE WAS PLEASED AND IMPRESSED WITH BRIEFING AND PROGRAM ARRANGED AND ASKED FOR MEMORANDA ON MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND USIS SUBJECTS. THESE BEING POUCHED AUG 22.
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